



Almost 700,000 individuals have now benefited from the distribution of basic household and core relief items during 2014

JULY HIGHLIGHTS:

In Iraq, during the Holy Month of Ramadan, a special distribution took place of clothes for women and children, diapers, mattresses, kitchen sets, garbage bins and first aid kits. During the month, more than 2,000 newly arrived refugees received **core relief items**, almost 9,000 received replacement core relief items, and more than 26,000 individuals were assisted with additional seasonal items (fans, air coolers etc). At least 118,000 refugees have now been assisted with core relief items in Iraq since the start of the year. In Jordan, more than 183,000 individuals have been assisted with basic household items during 2014. In Lebanon, some 26,000 people benefited from the provision of newcomer core relief item kits, bringing the total to almost 340,000 people since the start of the year. In Turkey, more than 57,000 people have received support with core relief items during 2014.

In Egypt, vulnerable Syrian refugees are being helped to meet their basic needs through the provision of monthly **cash grants**. Almost 31,000 refugees are now assisted each month, representing some 22 per cent of the registered population. In Turkey, over 9,800 people benefitted from cash-voucher programmes during July, bringing the total number assisted to almost 30,000 this year. In Jordan this year, almost 250,000 people have benefited from regular cash assistance, almost 200,000 from urgent cash assistance, and some 140,000 from seasonal cash assistance.

Also in Jordan, a the Task Force on Gender-Age-Disability will circulate a survey on gender mainstreaming in cash projects. This will serve to get a sense of what GAD-related information organizations are already collecting or are planning to collect and identify gaps in order to address them during the gender workshop scheduled for mid-August.



Provision of NFIs to Syrians in Hatay province, Turkey. IOM, 2014

SYRIAN REFUGEES IN THE REGION:

2,920,207

Refugee Population, end-July 2014

3,590,000

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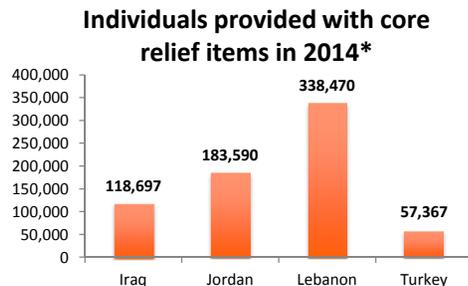
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Sector Working Groups estimate that up to 90 per cent of newly-arriving Syrian refugees have no or very few personal belongings. Syrians report that the biggest challenges for material assistance were food, rent and basic items (blankets, clothes, kitchen utensils, plastic buckets/jerry cans).

Recent assessments of refugees living in host communities have found that the income versus expenditure gap caused by limited livelihood opportunities, rising rent and service prices tends to lead to increased use of negative coping strategies as the crisis continues. In Egypt, 11 per cent of families reported borrowing as their main source of income, while in Jordan up to 87 per cent of registered Syrian families living outside of camps are in debt. In Lebanon, an average of 70 per cent of Syrian families are in debt and the amount of debt is generally higher for large households or those who have been in Lebanon longer.

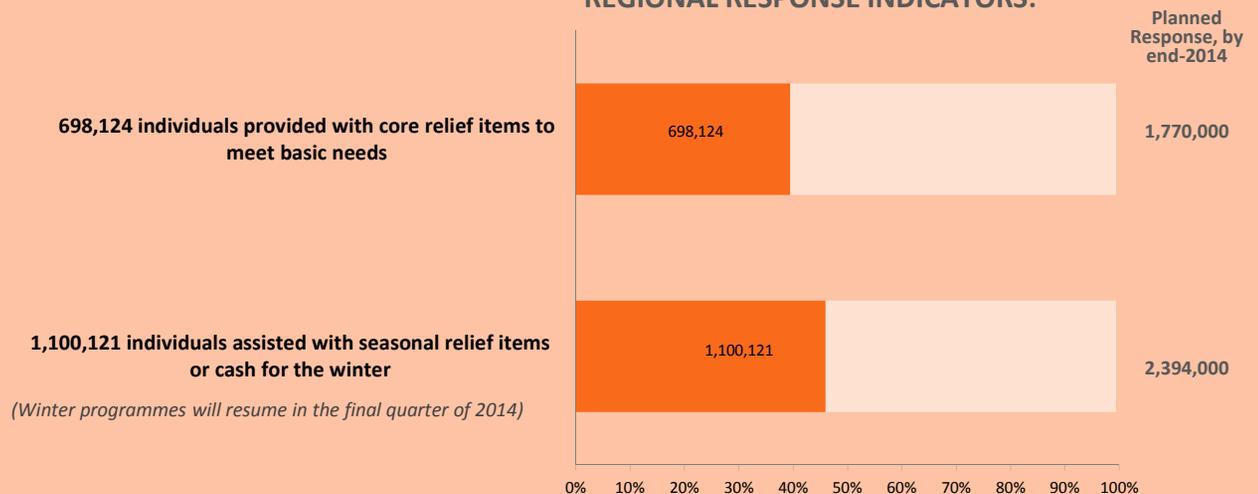
Though large-scale dataset analysis has not yet been completed for all refugee countries, there are indications that the most vulnerable families include those whose household expenditures exceed the identified average minimum expenditure basket and those families with large family size, large number of children or who live in crowded conditions. These among other indicators help to identify the most vulnerable.

Planning has already started for winterization programmes. Winter will add additional concerns for families including the need for heating fuel, warm clothes, reinforced winterized shelters and additional blankets. Winterized living conditions are in particular needed in the refugee camps in Iraq, including insulated foundations for tents with adequate drainage to prevent flooding.



*excluding winterization and cash assistance

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS:



Planned response based on full funding of RRP6 for an expected population of 3.59 million Syrian refugees in the region by end-2014. As at end-July 2014, there were 2.92 million refugees in the region and the overall RRP6 appeal is 43% funded.